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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Steven Melvyn HOWDLE et al.

Confirmation No.: 7199

Serial No.: 10/505,441

Group Art Unit: 1657

Filed: November 30, 2004

Examiner: David M. Naff

For: POLYMER COMPOSITE LOADED WITH CELLS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of April 9, 2007.

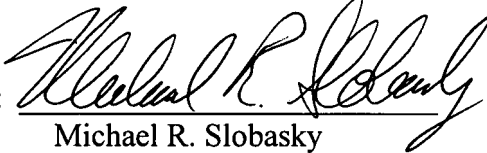
The Examiner has requested restriction between three groups of inventions: Group I, claims 1-14, directed to a process for preparation of a polymer composite; Group II, claims 15-19, directed to a polymer composite; and Group III, claim 20, directed to a process for preparing a polymer composite, a scaffold, or use thereof.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-14, with traverse, for prosecution in the above-captioned application.

Thus, this application is now in condition for a prompt examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this response, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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